National recognition sought for Portuguese community's religious anchor

The tiny chapel at 2831 Avenida de Portugal – the crown jewel of Point Loma's Portuguese community – is one step closer to national recognition, a place on the National Register of Historic Places.

The United Portuguese S.E.S. Association has filed the paperwork seeking historic recognition for the chapel, which is typical of country-side praying chapels in Portugal's Azores and is the only one of its kind standing in Southern California.

In 1921, San Diego's Portuguese enclave had been established for 30 years or more. The waterfront landscape was drab, with few trees and buildings sparse and well-separated.

The Portuguese wanted to build a tiny chapel like the country-side praying chapels they had known in the Mother Country. Massive construction debt (by 1921 standards) was incurred. Two construction loans of $500 each were taken out and had to be repaid. At a time when tuna fishing was done only with poles and was a rigorous and dangerous occupation, fishermen started giving up a day's catch to help pay off the debt.

Today, that little clapboard chapel built in 1922, measuring just 12 feet by 20 feet, is surrounded by larger buildings that include a social hall next door. It was built with donations (both monetary and labor) from the Portuguese-American fishing community of San Diego. The primary builders were Joseph Atahade (carpenter), Frank Brown (painter) and John Lucas (stone mason), each from the Azores islands, a Portuguese possession.

The chapel was built using a late 19th-century Gothic Revival architectural style influenced by designs from the Azores. The exterior walls are painted wood clapboards with trimmed corners and portals. The raised foundation is built of red bricks. The facade is of symmetrical design, incorporating a classical triune style (symbolizing the Holy Trinity). The centered entry doors are flanked by stained glass windows featuring a centered crown motif.

The chapel helps uphold a 700-year-old tradition, the annual Portuguese Festival of the Holy Spirit, and is the place where the Crown of the Holy Spirit is displayed. The yearly procession along Avenida de Portugal is a reminder of the Portuguese community's heritage and the chapel's role in preserving this history.
In November, Midway planners endorsed turning the old ten-story Sharp Cabrillo Hospital into an international language school and heard about a “greening” plan and an update on the status of prospective marijuana dispensaries.

“The earliest we could open [the school],” EF Education First spokesperson Shawna Sullivan told planners, “would be June of 2016.”

EF is a privately held international education company founded in Sweden and headquartered in Switzerland specializing in language training, educational travel, academic degree programs and cultural exchange with 500 offices and schools in 52 countries. It is in escrow in its purchase of the former acute-care hospital and skilled-nursing facility, which sits on about six acres at 1475 Kenyon St.

The company plans to turn it into a campus serving foreign-exchange students, nearly all of whom rely on public transportation.

Addressing EF’s plans to plant trees on the campus, Midway planner Jacob McKeen suggested palm trees not be included in the landscape plan.

“In urban environments, with loads of concrete and asphalt (that raises temperatures), palm trees provide little or no shade,” McKeen said, noting what’s needed instead is “hardwood shade trees, especially low-water-use oaks and sycamores.”

McKeen added that downed palm fronds are a nuisance and said that palm trees can house rodents and other pests.

“There’s some concern about the

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The old Sharp Cabrillo Hospital, at 3475 Kenyon St., will become a language school under an endorsement by the Midway planning group.
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Municipal code changes are sought as city pursues remodel flap

By Dave Schwab | The Beacon

The city is going after the owner of an abandoned remodel on Plum Street at a corner lot in Point Loma, and the Peninsula Community Planning Board has sent a letter to city officials calling for changes in the municipal code to eliminate loopholes allowing such developments.

After years of inaction, authorities are finally going after a "perpetual" remodel at 1676 Plum St. (at the corner of Lowell Street), deputy city attorney Danna Nicholas told Peninsula planners Nov. 20.

A total of seven misdemeanor counts have been filed in San Diego Superior Court against the property's owner, Francisco Mendiola. The counts carry maximum sentences of six months in jail and $1,000 fines.

Jerry Lohla, a neighbor of the unfinished Plum Street residence who's been working for years to eradicate it, said Mendiola is notorious for starting developments he never finishes.

The State Court arraignment for the City's criminal complaints against Mendiola has now been extended to Dec. 12. Lohla said, adding that "Until the criminal charges have been adjudicated, the City Attorney can take no other action against Mendiola."

Lohla said he's been informed by the City Attorney's office that Mendiola "is back at Development Services applying for new permits."

"How can he request new permits while facing arraignment for criminal charges regarding his previous permits?" Lohla asked.

"My fear," Lohla added, "is that he will have new permits approved — or at least in process — by the time his arraignment is heard by the State Court and that the judge will say, 'Well, if the City is giving Mendiola a new permit, these criminal charges against him must have no merit.'"

Charges against Mendiola include unlawfully failing to obtain a new building permit within the required 90 calendar days from the date of a written notice from the city as well as removing a public sidewalk without proper notice or permission.

Planning board member Don Sevrens agreed that the time for inaction on the Plum Street abandoned residence has passed.

The PCCB on Nov. 20 agreed to send a letter to the director of the city's Department of Development Services urging the department not to refile or approve any new permits on the Plum Street property until all criminal charges on the property have been fully adjudicated, he said.

Sevrens said he, Lohla and planning colleague Jon Linney are "planning a road show to engage all planning boards in City Council District 2 to urge (Councilwoman Lori) Zapf to request that the city attorney from the city as well as removing a public sidewalk without proper notice or permission.

Charges have been filed against the owner of this Plum Street residence amid a remodel plan that's perpetuated for years.

Son allegedly murders parents in San Diego; in police custody

BY NICOLE GOCHMANOSKY

SAN DIEGO, CA – Friday, Nov. 28 around 1:09 a.m. two shots, followed by five more shots, were heard in a Point Loma neighborhood just above Sunset Cliffs as Peter Haynes allegedly murdered both of his parents in their home.

Police were on a local manhunt for the young man, closing down a 4 block radius and entering homes with a SWAT team, until around 8:00 a.m. that morning when they found the suspect outside of the home nearby.

The parents, Dr. David and Lisa Haynes, died early Friday morning at UCSD Medical Center from gunshot wounds, after making a 911 call around 3:10 a.m.

Sources at the scene have confirmed that the murder suspect is Peter Haynes, and that he could be seen on his sister Kimberly's Facebook page holding the potential murder weapon with his sister in his parents' home only 14 days ago.

Peter faced a judge Wednesday, Dec. 3 for his arraignment hearing. The hearing was continued to January of next year to give his attorney from the public defender's office, Richard Gates, time to have Peter's mental health assessed.

After a picture of the Haynes' siblings holding a gun together only 14 days before the shooting was published in this article, Kimberly spoke to NBC 7 San Diego about it. Kimberly explained the photos depicted a rare bonding moment between her and her brother, who can be difficult to bond with as he suffers from a sever mental illness, paranoid schizophrenia. While attempting to explain the bonding moment publicly depicted on her Facebook page, the revelation of Peter's mental illness has raised questions in the community about mental health, gun ownership, and the responsibility of the local municipalities to prevent similar future actions.

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Plan board rejects condo conversions amid parking flap

By DAVID SCHNAB | THE BEACON

Following repeated complaints by neighbors that the practice is an end-around on parking requirements, the Peninsula Community Planning Board agreed not to approve any more apartment-to-condo conversions in the dense Roselle area.

The issue came to a head during board deliberations Nov. 20 on a request to construct four residential condos at an apartment building under construction at 3015-3021 Carleton St.

“This is a condo conversion, not a condo conversion,” said board planner Don Sevrens after a brief presentation by developers, who noted project floor plans call for two bedrooms plus a “den with a closet.”

Sevrens neighbors objected that a “den with a closet” constitutes a third bedroom, alleging the project is being advertised as such, a claim developers outright denied.

Peninsula planner Paul Webb noted that apartment-to-condo conversions sidestep some aspects of community planning review. “We review rental units,” he said, “but with condo conversions, the only thing we get to review is the map waiver (conversion) itself, not the original project before construction starts.”

“It’s a builder trick to circumvent the parking requirement,” argued Roseville resident Korla Eaquinta. She pointed out that apartments are required to have more parking than condos, something developers are routinely doing such conversions to supply less rather than more parking.

The board was called upon by Roseville neighbors to “take a stand and deny projects like this.” The group answered unanimously turning thumbs down on the Carleton project.

Planner David Dick also suggested that if the group were truly serious about taking a stand on the apartment-to-condo conversion issue, it ought to start “sending emissaries” to public hearings when such projects are being considered.

In other action:

• Planners Jon Linney and Don Sevrens updated the group on a proposal to redevelop Canon Street park. Both planners said they’ve been going door to door in the neighborhood discussing their proposal and have encountered little or no resistance to the idea. Some neighbors, however, have turned out at previous board meetings warning that opening up the park by redeveloping it could serve as an open invitation to vagrants, thus threatening public safety.

Sevrens said that if the project of acquiring the city-owned site moves forward, a fundraising effort will have to be undertaken. He said two public workshops would also be required to receive public input. He added that donations for the project would be tax-deductible. A nonprofit foundation would also have to be secured to accept contributions, he said.

• Peninsula resident Meg Newcomb turned out to warn the board about plans for an apartment complex proposed for the now-fenced, vacant lot posed for the now-fenced, vacant lot. Newcomb said, adding that “traffic in the area is bad already.”

• Planners unanimously approved drafting a letter to the City requesting crosswalks on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, which they noted is a busy thoroughfare in an area with a significant number of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Michael Lustig, 71, arrested in University City on Oct. 1, 2013, pleaded guilty to using cell phones in coded messages that involved interstate travel in aid of racketeering enterprises.

Although Assistant U.S. Attorney Alessandra Segura asked for a 108-month term, U.S. District Court Judge Roger Benitez imposed 120 months, as the probation department recommended a 10-year sentence. Lustig will receive credit for serving 17 months in prison.

Lustig is the owner of Real Estate License Services, which he founded in Ocean Beach in 1978. His attorney, Timothy Scott, said the business thrived for 30 years.

Lustig entered a rare “conditional guilty plea” to the charges on July 31, in which his appeal of a judge’s ruling that allowed search of his cell phones will remain active. If Lustig wins the appeal, he can withdraw his guilty pleas and face a trial without the cell phone evidence.

Lustig was arrested on the current charges following a traffic stop on Government Drive, but his first arrest was at an Encinitas motel in 2013.

– Neil Putnam

HOUSING GROUP ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR HOMELESS SHELTER

In other action:

The San Diego Housing Commission Dec. 2 issued a request for proposals for a permanent indoor facility that would house a minimum of 350 homeless individuals and veterans on a nightly basis throughout the year. The facility would be required to provide supportive services to help homeless individuals stabilize their lives and relocate into permanent housing.

The new permanent shelter, which would open July 1, would replace the emergency winter shelter in Barrio Logan (200 beds) and the veterans shelter in the Midway District (150 beds). At least 40 percent of the beds at the new shelter would be dedicated to veterans.

Under the terms of the RFP, the Housing Commission will accept proposals from nonprofit organizations to operate the new shelter program. Interested and qualified nonprofit organizations are encouraged to submit a proposal.

The City has roughly $1.6 million in annual funds to contribute. That is the amount that is being spent on existing tent shelters and implementation of a Homeless Management Information System.
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Point Loma's Lady Pointers volleyballers bring CIF banner home

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

For the second consecutive year, a team of Lady Pointers has brought a CIF championship banner to Point Loma High School.

This time, it was the volleyball team that entered the Division I playoffs as the No. 2 seed before eliminating No. 15 Carlsbad, No. 7 Santa Fe Christian and No. 11 Rancho Buena Vista before a thrilling 3-0 set sweep over No. 1 seed La Costa Canyon in the championship round of the 16-team field.

The CIF record book shows the Lady Pointers reached the volleyball finals in 1983 against La Jolla and in 2000 against University City, but this is their first championship.

The girls, who feed off a loud, male-dominated cheering section known as the Dog Pound, utilized a blend of tough, talented and unselfish players to win the title.

The most tense set of the match was the second, which featured six lead changes before the Lady Pointers finally prevailed.

Outside hitter Courtney Justus led her team in the finals with 12 kills, while Yuliya Ushakova had nine and Madilyn Yeomans added seven.

Senior setter Faith Smith played a major role in the victory, racking up 13 assists, and also led her team with three service aces.

“We were not nervous going into the finals,” said head coach Davis Ransom.

The mood was, ‘Let’s see how well we can do and give it our best shot.’”

The Mavericks, on the other hand, may have felt some pressure, since this was their 12th appearance in the finals in the last 13 years. They won eight consecutive CIF championships from 2004-2011 but have not won since then. “But I felt like we were [a] more confident team,” Ransom said.

Ransom said three qualities characterized his squad.

“First is selflessness,” he said. “These girls didn’t care who got the credit - they just wanted to win. Being OK with what worked best for the team was very important.

“The second is toughness,” Ransom added. “They were willing to grind things out and do things that didn’t pay dividends right away, such as diving on the floor 100 times a day.

“They showed both mental and physical toughness.”

Lasty Ransom cited harmony.

“The team just got along great,” Ransom noted. “They loved each other, there was no fighting, and they let me make choices that were best for the team.”

Perhaps another benefit for the Lady Pointers was playing the Mustangs Nov. 5 in the final regular season match, won by La Costa 3-1.

“We saw what they were trying to do and saw what we were trying to do,” Ransom noted. “They didn’t adjust much [in the finals], but we adjusted very significantly.”

When the match ended, the Lady Pointers, coaches and fans were elated.

“We were just stoked,” Ransom said. “It’s been a long time coming, and the community has wanted us to be successful. We were proud and validated to know that everything we have been doing is on track.”

Following the victory, Ransom received congratulatory text messages from coaches around the county who knew it was the Lady Pointers’ first title.

A large crowd of supporters attended the Saturday finals.

The community has really embraced our team,” Davis said. Caught up in pre-game warmups and early game action, he finally turned around to see the assembled throng about 10 points into the first set.

EXTRA POINTS:

• The Lady Pointers were also selected to represent San Diego's Division I in the state playoffs but lost their first match to Mater Dei, of Santa Ana, 3-0.

• The Lady Pointers helped prove their Western League the toughest in town, First place Scripps Ranch and second place La Jolla both were selected for Open Division play. Each was eliminated early but both also went on to state playoffs, winning one match before dropping the next.

• The Pointers compiled a perfect 11-0 record on their home court at Lee Trepainer Gym.

• Senior Morgan Maclean is the only student at PLHS who played on two CIF championship teams during her prep days. A middle hitter in volleyball, she was also a key member of last year’s CIF basketball title squad.

• Ransom will welcome back 10 girls next year from this season’s 15-girl roster.

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Josefowitz to be inducted into SD County Women's Hall of Fame

By Natasha Josefowitz, Ph.D.

Educator and author Natasha Josefowitz, who writes the biweekly “Doing It Better” column for The San Diego Community Newspaper Group's La Jolla Village News, has been selected as an inductee into the San Diego County Women’s Hall of Fame. Her induction ceremony is set for Sunday, March 1.

Josefowitz, 88, has spent her life on a mission to help others. She taught the first course in the United States for women in management at the University of New Hampshire; her book “Path to Power, a Woman’s Guide from First Job to Top Executive” became a bestseller. She worked as a consultant to government and profit and nonprofit organizations to help women enter male-dominated positions of work. Her latest project focuses on how men and women grieve and heal differently and takes a new approach to the different stages of grief. Her latest book, “Living Without the One You Cannot Live Without,” is a reflection of her research and personal experiences on the subject.

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OB Holiday Parade: Saturday December 6th, 5:05pm
Little Chef Chinese Food, a hot commodity

Stepping into Little Chef Chinese Food is a lot like a stroll through OB itself – you’re definitely inside a San Diego landmark, one whose longevity justifies its place in the public mind. And don’t let the lack of space fool ya. The venue accommodates about three single-seat tables, but there’s plenty of Newport Avenue people-watching to entice you, and the real action sizzles in the back, where the cooks work their magic in serving up some of the best Chinese in town.

A lot of that has to do with the prices, which have been raised very little or not at all in the last seven years. Anywhere from 6 to $8 will get you sweet and sour chicken with cream-cheese won-tons, orange chicken, Mongolian beef, Szechuan chicken, barbecue pork, broccoli beef and stir-fry; add a measly $2.50 or so for stuff like dumplings and soup. You literally will be out of luck if you try to finish your meal on premises; the portions are so gigantic that you almost have a spare lunch the next day.

To top it off, there’s owner Mary Ann, always with a smile as wide as her dinner plates. It’s amazing how she works the room without looking like she’s getting anything done – there she stands, rattling your name off the top of her head and chumming it up with her friendly staff as the bounty rolls off the grills and ovens in the back room.

In the face of a certain amount of public criticism, he warned: Little Chef takes cash only. On the other hand, there’s an ATM at the front of the building, located at 4910 Newport Ave. See? Little Chef thinks of everything, including the food. Go here immediately – the Great Wall was never like this!

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Planning a holiday get-together for family, friends or business?

Nati’s Mexican Restaurant, voted No. 1 in OB, is the perfect spot to hold your holiday luncheon. Whether dining indoors or on the patio, Nati’s can accommodate up to 50, and their reasonably priced menu fits everyone’s budget. Margaritas, cocktails and beers are available; ask about the party menu, designed specifically for larger groups. Take-out is also available for your party at home or the office. Nati’s also has gift certificates and T-shirts. Located at 1852 Bacon St., Nati’s is one block from the OB Pier. Ample parking is available. Call (619) 224-3369.

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Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26 and 27
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...and I want to see who made reservations for Christmas Eve and for New Years Eve:

Those O’Bistro dinner packages are just too good to offer to those who need a spanking.

Now, I am willing to work overtime to probable those Bad Girls of OB.

Let’s not mention this to Mrs. Claus.

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Sink your grill into this cheesy delight

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | THE PENINSULA BEACON

I’ve always thought it would be pretty cool—and innovative—for some entrepreneurial types to throw their weight behind an eatery that specializes in grilled cheese sandwiches. Nothing but grilled cheese sandwiches. Grilled cheese sandwiches are the hot-face counterpart of peanut butter and jelly; nobody doesn’t like them, and the planet’s glut of bread and fillings can only fuel countless ideas for new combinations and ways to make ‘em.

After all, look what happened to Starbucks. In its 40 years on earth, it’s chopped and channeled the world’s most innocuous beverage into a commercial art form, with 17,000 stores worldwide that sell scores of coffee blends to the tune of about $10 billion annually.

Theoretically, the grilled-cheese idea is already in its infancy, and you have only to visit Con Pane Rustic Breads & Café to cop to the particulars. Any eatery that can whip up that little bit of nirvana called the Almost Grilled Cheese ($6.75) has its heart and head for such a venture in exactly the right place. The sandwich’s triple-cream Brie and Gorgonzola is an absolutely killer team, especially mounted on warmed Rosemary and olive oil bread. Bread is Con Pane’s signature item, as many of you already know (“pane” is Italian for “bread”). Management has made a long-term study of the stuff and knows the science and art involved in baking it. If you’re looking for proof, try the raspberry scones. Then sink inexorably into a slough of despair in your feeble attempt to replicate the orgasm that follows.

It’s been about four years since Con Pane moved to Point Loma’s Liberty Station (specifically 2750 Dewey Road) from nearby Rosecrans Boulevard, its cult following intact. You’ll find it there between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. every weekday but Wednesday, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturdays and 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays (phone is 619-224-4344). If I do say so myself, the grilled-cheese franchise idea is a pretty good one—if you visit Con Pane and score an Almost Grilled Cheese, you might just bear witness to its beginning.

Con Pane’s Almost Grilled Cheese is a serious little bit of nirvana.

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Are you having a hard time using the toilet or getting up from the toilet? A new higher toilet could be a shower chair so you can sit while using your knees get weaker so getting up and down

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**Easy Winter Squash Soup**

During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it can often be difficult to want to spend the time to meal plan and cook. With stresses and flu season, we know this is a time of year when it’s important to feed ourselves and our loved ones wholesome, quality foods. Between shopping, parties, family obligations, everyday obligations and cooking, with stresses and flu season,

**Spinal Conditioning for Athletes with Lumbar Spondylolisthesis**

Low back pain is a very common problem in an athletic population, especially amongst adolescents. Participating in certain sports leads to specific anatomical changes to the lumbar spine. Specialized, prescribed therapeutic exercise and training programs should incorporate spinal stabilization, functional/dynamic core training, and sport-specific flexibility.

Low back pain accounts for 40% of athletic injuries. Athletes typically are more prone to degenerative and spondylodystrophic related injuries versus a non-athletic population. Spondylolisthesis is basically a forward slipage of one vertebrae on another. This slipage is seen commonly with gymnastics, tennis, football and other sports that require a powerful movement from extremes of range of motion, flexion and extension of the lumbar spine. Gymnastics in particular requires in the amount of force to the spine versus a normal female population. In general females are 4x as likely to suffer from spondylolisthesis. Spinal changes are especially prevalent with adolescent growth.

A physical therapist or Sports Medicine doctor can typically diagnose a spondylolisthesis from a patient’s history and special testing. However, plain x-rays will validate these findings and should be performed, especially when symptoms are not being progressing alleviated with skilled physical therapy treatments. A slip of less than 50% is considered mild and treated conservatively. Slips of over 50% should be referred for a surgical consult.

A licensed physical therapist will typically focus treatment of spondylolisthesis with dynamic stabilization exercises. The major muscles involved in spinal stabilization are: lumbar multifidus, transverse abdominus, paraspinals, internal/external obliques and lastly the rectus abdominus. The intrinsic muscles, multifidus and transverse abdominus work together in support the weakened/slipped vertebral segments thus preventing excessive movements and hypermobility. There is even a co-contraction effect between these two muscles, which further adds in lumbar stabilization. Often exercises will involve conscious effort to contract/brace these muscles while performing small range of motion movements. Exercises are progressed to more functional/sport specific movements that activate these muscles in a subconsciously fashion. If you would like more education regarding skilled physical therapy treatment of spondylolisthesis please contact Greg Sterner, Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist in Physical Therapy at San Diego Sports Physical Therapy, 2750 Dewey Rd. Ste 101, San Diego, CA 92106 or call 619.766.7980.

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1 cup onion, chopped
2 1/2 cups winter squash, peeled or not, seeded and chopped
3 cups vegetable stock
1/2 tsp. fresh thyme, chopped
1 tsp fresh sage, chopped
1 tsp fresh parsley, chopped
Sea salt

Sauté the onion and squash in oil in a large pot on high heat stirring frequently until lightly caramelized, about 10 minutes. Add herbs and broth, bring to a boil, and simmer covered until the squash is soft, about 20 minutes. Puree and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Garnish options: Add dried sage leaves, chopped parsley, diced and cooked root vegetables, onion sprouts or microgreens, or croutons. Variation: Try roasting the squash before cooking the soup.

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Family members who care for cognitively impaired or disabled seniors may find the approaching holiday season to be more stressful than joyful. Caregivers may already feel overwhelmed by their day-to-day responsibilities and view holiday preparations as an additional source of stress. Family dynamics at the holidays can also be challenging. Primary caregivers may feel resentful toward visiting family members who feel not have helped out enough. Family members returning home after a prolonged absence may be surprised and depressed by the decline in their senior loved one and feel that the caregiver hasn’t communicated well enough leading to arguments and discord among family members. Planning ahead and modifying holiday routines to accommodate the needs of the caregiver and the person being cared for can foster peace and good will instead of anger and frustration.

The Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org) suggests alerting family members and guests ahead of the visit to the current condition of a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other Dementia. This can be achieved through a letter or email explaining what to expect and offering suggestions for effective communication while educating them about daily routines. Being prepared allows family and guests to arrive with realistic expectations and an understanding that changes in behavior and functioning are caused by the disease and not the person.

It is also important for the primary caregiver to let family and friends know that their caregiving responsibilities may limit how much they can do in terms of holiday festivities. It is ok for caregivers to let others pitch in and only take on what they can reasonably manage. The Alzheimer’s Association suggests involving the person with Dementia in holiday plans, building on old traditions and adjusting activities as needed to stick to the person’s daily routine.

Seniors Helping Seniors is offering a special holiday discount on homecare services. Purchase 8 hours of service between now and December 31 and receive an additional 2 hours free. Call 800-481-2488 for more information.

Harmful to a sea lion is a violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and is punishable by criminal penalties up to $100,000 and one year incarceration. Civil penalties up to $11,000 per count may also be assessed.

Anyone with information concerning the shootings is asked to call NOAA Special Agent Michelle Zetwo at (619) 557-5494 or the NOAA hotline at (800) 853-1964. Callers may remain anonymous.

– San Diego Humane Society

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In closing, Harris thanked the community as a whole for “making my experience as a councilmember a meaningful one.”
Council OKs plan to cut reliance on imported water

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

San Diego City Council Nov. 18 unanimously endorsed a water recycling program, backed by a broad coalition of environmental and business groups, that seeks to provide one-third of San Diego’s potable water by 2035, reducing reliance on costly imported water.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer urged the council to support renewed water reuse efforts aimed at “gaining water independence and the ability to control our own water supply for the very first time.”

The mayor described cultivating alternative local water supplies as “critically important to our economy and maintaining our quality of life.”

The Pure Water San Diego program is designed to purify enough wastewater to provide one-third of San Diego’s water supply after all three phases are fully operational in 2035.

Lauding the city’s Pure Water Project as “an investment in our future,” Faulconer thanked environmental, business and community leaders for coming together to “create environmentally friendly and cost-effective solutions to our water challenges.”

First District Council member Sherrri Lightner, representing La Jolla, urged the city to “provide incentives encouraging homeowners and businesses to use grey water and private (water) reclamation projects for commercial developments. We want to ensure a sustainable water supply for our region.”

U.S. Rep. Scott Peters, of the 52nd Congressional District (which includes La Jolla), also weighed in on council’s favorable water recycling vote.

“Actions by the San Diego City Council,” he said, “are a huge step in the right direction as we adapt to the prolonged drought and work to diversify our community’s water supply. Safely recycling wastewater into drinking water is not just the environmentally friendly thing to do but makes financial sense as we become less reliant on imported supplies.”

The 20-year capital improvement project calls for the construction of a nearly $2 billion water-purification plant on Harbor Drive and the installation of advanced purification at the North City and South Bay water reclamation plants. The three facilities would eventually produce 83 million gallons per day.

The project would divert wastewater flows away from the Point Loma wastewater treatment plant, which treats wastewater before it’s piped into the ocean. That would allow for a higher level of treatment for wastewater and would negate the need for billions of dollars to outfit the Point Loma plant with a secondary water treatment system.

The City currently imports 85 percent of its water from Northern California and the Colorado River. A recent water reuse study project determined that it is feasible for San Diego to use water purification technology to produce one-third of San Diego’s drinking water supply locally by 2035.

The City Council vote ratified a cooperative agreement with environmental groups laying out steps to achieve both the significant reduction in discharges of treated sewage to the ocean and production of at least 83 million gallons per day of drinking water by 2035, enough to meet about 40 percent of the City’s current use.

Faulconer and city officials have been working together over the past 16 months with a diverse group of stakeholders, partners and local environmental groups to reach consensus on a strategy to submit the modified permit renewal application for the Point Loma plant, implement Pure Water San Diego and work to obtain approval of secondary equivalency for the Point Loma plant.